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Mayor Offers Apology to Community

I would like to address the matter of my meeting with Jeremy Blaber.

Firstly, I apologize to my family and to the residents of the City of Kingston for the language that I have used and the anger I have exhibited.

I am a passionate person. I am passionate about what I do and I am passionate about the people and things I care about.

Jeremy Blaber became very close to me over the last couple of years. He was close to my family. He called my mother frequently and discussed his life with her as if he was a member of our family and I cared about him and his welfare. I cared too much.

There are no excuses for what I did. It was a mistake and I regret it. Whether it be the Mayor or anyone else this behavior is unacceptable. I let my family down. I let my city down. And it will not happen again.

I told you last year when I took office that we were partners in the city's future and I am very excited about that future. I must be accountable for what I do no less than I expect all of the City's employees to be accountable for what they do.

I will continue to focus my efforts and energies on improving the quality of life for all our citizens and the business community.

In the next few weeks we will be releasing our plans for BEAT, our mid-town revitalization plan focusing on Business Education Arts and Technology.

I am also looking forward to the breaking of ground at the AVR project and the commencement of construction this fall of the Promenade.

I am especially pleased that, in conjunction our newly formed Kingston Arts Advisory Board we will be releasing details of various initiatives over the upcoming weeks.

We have delivered a budget with a zero increase in the tax levy and we will be working to do so again. We raised our City's credit rating and its bond rating, saving the City taxpayers money every day.

I look forward to dealing with the challenges that our city presents and I will continue to govern our City with the best interest of all of its residents in mind and look forward to providing information on these and other initiatives in the near future.